

THE EVENING LIGHT

And

Church of God Evangel.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God." Acts 10:46.

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The Care of the Children.

The Children of Pentecostal Parents Should Not Be Neglected.

We are Looking for Jesus to Come, But We do not Know the Exact Time, so We Must Look well to the Interests of the Rising Generation.

In the history of the past when people have become enthused about the soon coming of the Lord, parents have concluded that if Jesus' coming was so soon that they only need to have their children be religious, and neglect the training and care that was needful for the development of the intellect. It is true that salvation is the most important, and to be ready for the coming of Jesus is of great consequence, but a preparation for remaining in this world for a few years is also important. There is nothing that can give such perfect satisfaction as to be ready for the rapture, ready to die or ready to live.

We as parents are responsible for our children, for they are not expected to know what is for their best good. Paul at Eph. 6:4, says, "Bring them (children) up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." I use this Scripture to show that we are not to simply allow our children to grow up, but to bring them up, or train them, which means real labor and effort on the part of the parents.

While I was on the farm I purchased a Scotch Collie pup, and when he grew up to the proper size I spent hours and days and weeks in training that dog to drive the stock, which, after he was properly trained, gave me much satisfaction, and saved me much labor. It was a source of great pleasure to me then, as well as real help, to see with what wisdom, (if I should use the term in regard to a dog), he would manage the cattle, hogs or horses in getting them to their stables or pens. This same dog would have grown up to have been almost worthless had I not taken the time and patience to give him the training.

I am sorry to say it, but many children have grown up to be almost and altogether worthless because of a failure on the part of parents to give them the proper care while they were young and tender and easily trained. These same children, many times, have had the natural abilities, which if trained and the natural abilities developed, would have become useful men and women. Couple the train-

ing and development with real salvation, and you will see a host of Davids, Pauls and Timothys! David is frequently called the "Sweet singer of Israel," which shows he had been trained, his natural abilities developed, and when the king wanted a man to play on instruments he sent for David. Hear what Paul says for himself: "I am verily a man which am a Jew, born in Tarsus yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, and taught," etc. Acts 22:3. Timothy was taught or trained by his mother and grandmother, and from a child knew the Holy Scriptures, 2 Tim. 1:5 and 3:15, and when Paul wanted a man for a special place he selected Timothy.

We are indeed living in the last days, but that is no reason for slacking our efforts in training our children. From the fact we are living in the last days, stupendous days, ought to be a great stimulus to redouble our efforts as parents to so train our children that they may become mighty factors in the hands of God in this last great reformation that is to usher in the coming of Jesus. Children who are now babies will grow up to be men and women in a few short years, and if Jesus should even delay this coming for fifteen years yet, that would be soon, and many boys and girls will be old enough in that time to have a great part in the last great effort to spread the "Gospel of the

Kingdom" in all the world for a witness, if properly trained, equipped and qualified. I do not mean here to say that the Lord delayeth His coming, but we don't know when He is coming, and if He should come this year or next we want to be found doing our duty toward our children when He does come.

ADVICE AND HINTS TO PARENTS.

From infancy children should be taught to respect the reading of the Bible. When you engage in family worship, (and every Christian family should have family devotion at least once a day), every little one old enough should be taught to drop his toys and stop his play and sit quietly while the Bible is read, and to get down on his little knees while prayer is being offered up to God, and to close their eyes and not look around the room. The baby should be taken in your arms, if not asleep, and taught to be quiet during this sacred service, instead of allowing it to crawl about the room, and thus attract the attention of the other little children. As soon as of sufficient age every boy and girl should be taught to offer a little prayer. With such careful training at home, the children will not be hard to control at Sunday School and public services. If you let your children run about the room and play while you have your family worship at home they will want to do the same thing at public worship. To allow the children to play and romp about in meeting is not only a disturbance to the preacher, but is not good for the child. Some one may say, "It is such a task to keep them quiet for an hour." But, beloved, you can't afford to let your clothing remain dirty just because it takes labor to wash it. You can't afford to go hungry and let your precious children cry for something to eat just because it requires labor on your part to make a living.

It is true the training of children requires much labor, but who ever received anything of much value without labor to get it?

Some one may say, "The services are so long we cannot afford to keep the children quiet so long." But you can at least keep them quiet while the sacred Word is read and during the preaching. You owe this duty to your child for his good, to teach him to respect the reading of God's Word and the preaching of the Gospel.

THE SCHOOL WORK

Should not be neglected. Every child should be placed in school at the age of six or seven years. It is a very serious thing for children to grow up in ignorance, with no intellectual development. They ought to at least be taught to read and write well, if nothing more. Some one may object to this, and refer us to Acts 4:13 about Peter and John being "unlearned and ignorant men," but if such objectors will read the writings of both of these men of God, surely they will see that Peter and John were at least able to read and write well.

We admit that it is a serious thing to place our children in the public schools, where they will learn all manner of vice and evil. Then the ridicule they many times have to take because of the religion of the parents, and sometimes of the children themselves. This is no little thing for consideration. Many parents are more seriously considering this important question. There is a growing demand for Pentecostal schools, but the few schools that have been and may be instituted will not solve the problem at present for the masses of our people. It is a serious problem, and what to advise is a question of great immensity. Before I would permit my children to grow up without any school advantages I would secure a teacher to come to my own home and give them instructions, even if it required a great sacrifice and an

increased amount of labor on my part to obtain means for the purpose. But this plan for all would hardly be practicable. A few families in each community might go in together and secure a teacher for a few months in the year. We now have quite a number of school teachers in our ranks who have been thrown out of employment because they have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. A plan of this kind would give them employment. There are some advantages in the public schools, however, that could not well be brought into a small school of this kind, and where the public schools are taught and controlled by teachers and boards who are without religious prejudice, and where our children will receive as good attention as the others, and where the teachers will so control the other pupils as not to allow them to ridicule or impose on our children it might be well to patronize them. With the proper and careful training at home, many children will go to the public schools and battle their way through, bearing the scoffs and derisions, until it will make them real heroes and heroines for the Lord in after life, when, without the oppositions, with help at home to be over-comers, they would never amount to much in His service. Train the children to be little soldiers in the school of life, and you will have some grown up soldiers after awhile. Soldiers are expected to endure hardships and get wounded and killed. Paul instructs us to learn to endure hardness as good soldiers.

AN INSTITUTION OF LEARNING

for a course of Bible study preparatory for mission and evangelistic work is one of vast importance now, and the demand for such is growing so rapidly that surely steps in that direction should be taken shortly. There are many Bible schools and

colleges, but not one that teaches all the commands of Jesus and the full doctrine of the Apostles. We have many young people who would make efficient workers and would figure strong in this last great reformation with a few months in a good Bible school of this kind. Dear friends, pray over these matters, and let us look well to the care and training of our children, even if the time is short.

Village Work in Japan

Following is a summary of the work accomplished in Fukui province this summer; it is not as much as we would like to have done, but we believe that it is pleasing in the sight of God, and that much good will be the result of that forty-five days of seed sowing among the heathen.

We were out altogether about two months, of this time we worked forty-five days, the other time being rainy and rest days. We preached, prayed and sang the gospel in about 326 villages, sold 549 Testaments, and 1658 gospel portions, and gave away tens of thousands of tracts. There were many personal talks in homes, school-houses, and county offices and other places. The gospel was preached on the streets, by the roadside, on corner lots, in rice fields, in tea houses and hotels, on trains in the valleys, in the hill country, in the mountains, in halls, and once in a theatre and in a public park; in season and out of season the work went on. Tracts have been handed out at funerals, festivals and feastings. Words of hope and cheer have been spoken, and prayers offered by the bedside of the sick, and outside the home of the dying. Some of the poor, sick and needy have been helped with the offerings that God's children have sent out. I have been turned down, weary and footsore, by hotel after hotel, and had to go out into the country to get a place to sleep; they had no use for "Jesus people". I have lived on food that I believe nine persons out of ten in the home land, and most likely the tenth person too, would turn up their nose at, but what does all this matter so that souls get saved. "My grace is sufficient for thee."

THE KAWACHI VALLEY.

In Kawachi province is a population of 280,000, distributed among five hundred and nineteen towns and villages, and only four resident native evangelists and six preaching places. The Lord has laid this place upon our hearts and already the work is started and the villages are getting the gospel.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent, strengthen thy stakes," this is the last message from the skies by the "Answer before they call" system of telegraphy. We have obeyed orders and have started the enlargement, but who is going to strengthen the stakes? Dear reader, when you pray about this be sure and LISTEN, God may want you to become a STRENGTHENER for this Kawachi work. This Lord's work that we are engaged in is a work of faith; we have no missionary board, church, society or organization of any kind behind us; we draw our checks on Philipians 4:19, and we are not surprised when they are cashed. God's love never fails.

Bethel Gospel Mission in one of the best locations in this great city of Osaka, is in a prosperous condition and many come in and anchor in salvation bay. Pray that the anchor chains will stand the test until Jesus comes or these dear souls are called home. Our Missionary paper published on the field "The Lord's Vineyard in the Sunrise Kingdom" Sent Free to Any Address, next issue published soon, send a postal card with your address quickly if you want it. Please meet us at the throne in prayer for Japan and especially for the Kawachi Valley.

Your brother in Christ.

Robt Atchison.

Address Nanwaen, Abeno, Tennoji Mura
Osaka, Japan.

South Africa.

118 Vermaulen street,
Pretoria, South Africa,
October 24, 1910.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: to show forth thy loving kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night."

The Lord is saving souls. Hallelujah! We have had a beautiful example of what the grace of God can do just recently. Soon after we came here the Lord saved one of the worst sinners in the place. This man surrendered absolutely to God, and was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Everywhere he joyfully testified to the mighty power of God. Last week his youngest son, the very Isaac of his heart, was instantly killed in an accident, but God gave our brother wonderful grace. Though his heart was torn and bleeding for the loss of his boy, yet he was enabled to rejoice, yes, actually to rejoice in the will of God. We felt as we listened to his testimony the night of his bereavement that we were amply repaid for our journey hither, even if God had allowed us to

see no other fruit for our labors. But He has given us many others, both men and women, and this not only among the white population, but among the natives also. "My heart is black," they say, "I want Jesus to save me." Oh, it is good to be able to carry them a full Gospel, of a Savior who can not only save, but sanctify and baptize in the Spirit, and heal as well.

Our hearts long to establish a more permanent work for them, and we are praying for the Lord to grant us suitable premises, where a small Bible school could be opened, and those who are converted thoroughly taught in the Word and sent forth to teach their own people.

There is a very great difficulty in the way of reaching the Dutch people, and I would ask you and your readers to earnestly pray for it to be broken down; this is the intense prejudice they have as a nation against any teaching which does not come through the avenue of the Dutch Reformed Church, and the almost slavish bondage they are in to their ministers.

God has broken it down [in individual cases; as I write I think of one who has been delivered from demons and brightly converted; of several who have invited us to pray for healing, and especially of one young man who has been marvelously delivered from the bondage of Satan when on the very verge of lunacy. For all these we render hearty thanks and praise to our Savior, who has indeed wrought wondrously for us.

Your brother in Christ Jesus,

H. M. TURNEY.

Fort Myers, Fla.

On our way to Alva we were met at the station at Fort Myers by dear brother Jernigan, Mr. Cotton's children and brother Bannister, who conducted us to their homes, and gladly entertained us. At night we had a very pleasant service on the street in the city. Several strangers came to us after the service, and insisted on us staying in their city and holding a protracted meeting, but we were compelled to decline. We will be delighted to have a meeting, if the Lord wills, in that beautiful little city in South Fla. some time in the future. There are some hungry hearts there now whom we would love to see receive the Comforter.

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"God's Tenth," in tract form, for free distribution. 5c per dozen, 10c per 25, 40c per 100. Order of this office. One or two cent stamps will be accepted on small orders.

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Notice to Ministers

We wish to have every local church represented at the sixth Annual Assembly by a report. Please write asking for blank reports to supply all the churches with one. Have it filled out and mail it to me about one week before Assembly.

A. J. TOMLINSON
Gen. Overseer.

Address—Cleveland, Tenn.

The Church at Cleveland, Tenn., will hold a special business meeting Saturday, December 31, 1910, at 2:30 P. M. We hope all the members as much as possible will prepare to attend.

THE PASTOR.

We hope no Church, no matter how small, will fail to report to the General Assembly. We have blank reports; write for them and fill out the best you can, and send in to the editor at once.

How We Spent Thanksgiving at Cleveland, Tenn.

A few weeks before Thanksgiving the question was asked: How will we spend Thanksgiving? We were not long in deciding after some promised to stand by us and see that we had a good dinner.

The Church of God and others who were in sympathy joined together and had an all day service at tabernacle in South Cleveland. We decided to try to make as many happy that day as we could. So a committee was appointed to give out invitations, to see the poor, sick and aged people that could be reached, to make every one that came to the tabernacle feel welcome, and to look after rigs to carry to and from the tabernacle those who were not able to walk. At 9:30 o'clock the tabernacle was full. Numbers came with bright faces and well filled baskets. The service was opened with a song service, after which Bro. T. L. McLain gave out some deep truths from the Bible with the spirit of Thanksgiving and witnessed to the saving and keeping power of God. While others were preparing the table which was sixty-five feet long, five feet wide, Bro. Brouayer of Chattanooga, gave a most interesting talk. His exhortations and pleadings to both saints and sinners were wonderful, and many outbursts of joy and thanksgiving were manifested, some shouting aloud, speaking in tongues with interpretation.

When the congregation were dismissed for dinner they met a table loaded with blessings from the Lord. After asking God's blessings on the food, all ate with thankful and cheerful hearts. There were near four-hundred (some estimated the number higher) there to partake of the good things God had given. One thing noticeable was that every one seemed so happy. Some lunches were sent to persons who wanted to but could not be there.

The afternoon service was commenced with song, followed by testimony service conducted by Bro. McLain, and we sure praise God for the testimonies. As soon as one was down, another was thanking God for the wonderful care and blessings of the past year, and the way He still blesses their souls. Had to cut off some of the testimonies in order for Bro. Jessie Clark to deliver the message he had for us. The sermon was filled with the Spirit, love and power of God. After the discourse one was reclaimed, and another received the baptism with the Holy Ghost. After a short intermission the evening service began, and the Holy Spirit had right of way. The praise service continued and souls were blessed. The

final closing was with thanksgiving and a good will to all, and feeling that we had been spending the day well pleasing to the Lord.

We were glad to have the saints from Chattanooga, Athens and other places, that came to be with us. May God's richest blessings go with them, cheer them up, and make the coming year the best year of their lives. The saints at Cleveland are all rejoicing over the victory of the day.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.**Pentecostal Convention.**

Bro. J. W. Buckalew has written us that he will have a Pentecostal Convention in Alabama City, Ala. He wishes all to attend that can and get great blessings from the presence of the Lord. Remember that he wants ALL to come who will. Come to this convention praying, expecting, anticipating and believing great things. Neither let your faith be disappointed.

The place of the Convention, Alabama City, Ala.

An Appeal**A Few Words to "The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel". Family.**

Dear readers, one and all, greetings.

I have never written my testimony, but can truthfully say tonight that I am on my way, and can realize the Holy Ghost abides, and I have been trying to do my best for Jesus today. Anyone that knows me knows I can't preach, but I do love to do the little things for Jesus. Praise His precious Name. The Sunday school is a work that I hold very dear. To-day as I stood before a school of one hundred and seventeen and heard the praises roll from some of the hearts telling how they appreciated the Sunday school, the blessings received, and feeling the presence of the Lord, it filled my heart with glory. Such a delight to gather up or invite the children to Sunday School. Now as the dear Lord has blessed us with church and tabernacle at this place to gather these precious ones together so they can learn the Word of God, I feel that we must not stop here. There are other children, and older ones as well, that need a place to worship God and have their Sunday School. I am so glad that this salvation makes us free-hearted. We don't want all the blessings ourselves, but it gives us a real missionary spirit. Praise God.

Now as Christmas is coming I wonder how many of our dear readers are wanting to do something for some one that really needs help. Our son, Homer, has been going to Athens, Tenn., this winter as often as he could for the little band there, but they only have a small cottage in which to have meeting, so they are trying to build a tabernacle which will cost \$300 or \$400. They have subscribed over \$100 themselves. They are just poor hard working people. I believe we are all alike—we like to help those who help themselves. So I wonder how many would be glad to sacrifice their Christmas candy to help these dear people get a place of worship! In place of having something to please the taste for just a few minutes, you can help to build something that will stand for years if the Lord taries, and may be the means of many souls being saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and many children taught the Word of God. Well the dear Lord just blesses my soul as I write, and I believe there will be many who will respond to the call and make this a happy Christmas by helping where they really need help.

Every sum, small or great, will be thankfully received. Address all letters in regard to this work to

MRS. A. J. TOMLINSON,
2525 Gaut st.,
Cleveland, Tenn.

"Give and it shall be given unto you," so says the Word. Dear readers, I have tested, tried and found it true. Praise His precious Name.

There have been several precious souls saved at Athens, for which we praise God, but they are precious lambs, babes in Christ, and need to be cared for and nourished up to get established in Jesus, so when the storms come and the winds come they will be able to stand. Dear readers, please pray that the tabernacle may be completed by the coming spring, so the little children may be gathered in, cared for and taught of Jesus. We remember Jesus said when here on earth: "As ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." So with the words of the song, let us ask the Lord, "What wilt Thou have me to do?"

MRS. A. J. TOMLINSON.

Adamsville, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and readers of the "Evening Light":

May the richest of God's blessings rest upon you and your work. We are still in the battle and God is still giving the victory. Glory to His Name forever. Our last meeting was held in the Arkadelphia Mountains. Several

justified and sanctified and four received the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:4. Also several healed, James 5:14. Many were convinced of the truth as we see it. Several old people came to us and asked what manner of people we were, and as the power of the Holy Ghost would fall, tears would come in their eyes and one said, "This is truly old time religion, like my mother had." Glory to God! Everywhere we go we find some honest hearts. Our work in this part of the vineyard is growing fast. Glory. We now have forty-one members at Bethel. They are at work on a church building. Work in Gintown still moving on. We will start a meeting at New Castle the 26th of this month. We want all the saints to pray much for us that God may give us power to win many souls for Jesus in that town. It is a large mining camp.

The Lord bless and lead you till He comes.

Your brother in the battle till He comes,

V. W. KENNEDY.

Holcomb, Miss.

Dear Bro Tomlinson and all the dear Saints:

Greetings in Jesus Name.

I feel led to write my testimony to the Evening Light for the glory of God. I praise God that I am living in the last days and though the enemy comes in times like a flood the Spirit of God lifts up a standard against him, and God surely does deliver those that put their trust in Him. Glory to His precious Name. I praise Jesus for being all in all to me. I want to say to the glory of God that He is my physician, and I have not taken any medicine since I have received the Holy Ghost two years ago this last June. Jesus healed our little girl this fall of chills and fever. Praise His Name. He also healed my husband He was taken very sick with something like appendicitis, and was so sick that he had a death color with feet and hands cold, and a cold perspiration all over him. I don't believe I ever saw another suffer with such intense suffering as he did. He asked me what to do, and I told him let me send for the saints to come and pray. So he said. "Send quickly" I called our nearest neighbor, he came and we sent at once. The saints came, and we had prayer for him, anointed him according to James 5:14,15, and the dear Lord healed him at once, and he is still well and praising the Lord. Bless His Holy Name. How I praise God for fulfilling His promises to us so many times in healing our family of different bodily attacks of the enemy.

How sweet it is to trust God for both

soul and body. The Lord has allowed us to pass through many sorrows in the past, for we have lost four of our children and had many trials, yet the Lord delivered us and gave us grace for it all. Since the Comforter has come He has taken the place of loved ones, dried the falling tears away, turned my sorrow into laughter, turned my nighttime into day. O how I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost. How the dove of peace sings in my soul this morning as we read of the wonderful works of God that are being manifested in different places, and the wonderful testimonies in the last "Evening Light" as we read them the power fell upon us and we were made to rejoice. O how I praise the Lord for what He has done at this place. It makes our hearts sad, however, to know that some of the saints at this place are turning aside to satan "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." So pray that the Lord may give us a shower of refreshing at this place. We so much appreciate the little paper and ask each of its readers to pray for me and my family that God may keep us humble and true to Him till Jesus comes.

Your sister under the precious blood looking for the coming of Jesus,

VIRGIE PRITCHARD.

Don't fail to attend the Annual Assembly at Cleveland, Tenn., January 3-8, 1911. Some very important matters for consideration. Free entertainment for those from a distance as far as possible. Come.

Wimauma, Fla.

I am still trusting in Jesus to plant my feet on higher ground. The blessed Lord is surely blessing this work. Praise the Lord Glory! Glory! Praise the Lord My soul is overflowing with praises to the Lord. I ask all the readers to pray for me that I may get to go to the meetings that are held, and that God will use me as a tool to save some poor soul.

Praise God my soul is still overflowing with praises. Glory. I am so glad that Jesus never fails to answer prayers. Praise God. I have never asked anything of Him but what He has given it to me. Praise His Name!

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He is so good to me. Praise God I got so happy today at church. The blessed Lord saw fit to speak through me. Praise God. I gave way to Him. I am glad I did. "Glory, Glory! My brother prayed tonight when we were having prayer. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me. Glory, Glory! O dear readers, who are out in sin, won't you please give up your heart to Jesus, and search the Lord with your whole heart. O, time is so short. Let me beg every one of you who are out in sin let Him save you, for He is waiting to save you if you will only turn to Him. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thes. 4:16, 17. How many of you will be ready to be caught up to meet Him in the cloud. If you are not ready, I do beg you to get ready, and be in the great host, for the time is short, and you know not what minute you will be cut down in your sins. So let me beg all that are not ready to get ready. Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.

I am going to school now, and I am certainly persecuted. My teacher and all the scholars but two are against Pentecost. Those two are seeking. But praise God, I am thankful to the Lord for the persecutions. The Lord is with me all the time, and I just go on and praise the Lord. Pray for them. I ask all the praying people to pray for the school. Praise the Lord. I ever expect to stand up for Jesus, and give up to His blessed power. I ask your prayers that I may ever stand up for Jesus.

Your sister watching and waiting for the coming of Jesus.

GELTRUDE DOUGLASS.

Alva, Fla.

The meeting opened the night of Nov. 17. We came up the river from Fort Myers on a boat. The precious saints we had met before were delighted to see us. Our fellowship with them was very pleasant. After our arrival we began to pray, and the Lord commenced to work. But little seemed to be accomplished, however, until one night after the close of the service a sister asked us to pray for her healing. She was lame and had to walk on crutches, but the Lord undertook her case and it is enough to say she left her crutches that night, and has not used them since. This miracle so impressed the people that a number came to the altar, and

several received the baptism with the Holy Ghost, and some were converted and sanctified. The church was set in order Nov. 23, and as usual at such times the power fell upon His children and the Lord gave us quite a refreshing shower.

On "Thanksgiving Day" we commemorated the Lord's death by partaking of the bread and wine, also engaged in feet washing. The Lord greatly honored these services by His presence. Ordained brother Joshua Williams as deacon. At the last service the power fell, and six were baptized with the Holy Ghost. The meeting did not close until one o'clock at night. There was so much interest manifest that brothers Townsend and Guthrie were finally induced to stay and continue the meeting for a few days at least. We were accompanied to the boat landing Friday morning by some of the precious saints who waved us "Goodby" as we moved off.

Report from Sam. C. Perry.

To the "Evening Light" readers, greeting in Jesus name.

I desire to sound a note of praise for the wonderful goodness of God to me since my last writing. He has taught me many things concerning Him who is "The way, the truth and the life," and blessed me in a general way, giving us His presence in an unmistakable way, and at so many places we could not recount all His blessings.

We were specially blessed in the meeting at Elahanan, N. C., in August. We also had a good work at Dahlonga, Ga. There are some choice spirits there, and the Lord's presence has been very manifest. Then at Augusta, Ga., we had a gracious meeting. Sister Lee has a mission there, and the outlook is good. The work seems to be on a good solid basis. Then we had a profitable meeting at Newton, N. C., where is a faithful little band of saints. They have had much to overcome, but God is with them. The Lord was with us at Salway, Tenn. It's always pleasant to visit this little company of the Lord's children. And London, Ky., our home town, is blessed with some of the salt of the earth. We have a nice hall, seating near five hundred persons, and a nice Sunday School each Sunday morning. There has been a great work done in London, and we hope this is only the beginning of what is yet to be done. We hope to see a camp meeting established here, and a Pentecostal school also. There is a great field all around London that is open for Pentecost.

At this writing we are at Quitman, Ga., for a meeting. This is also a great field. We have been able to

touch Valdosta, Council, Fargo, Statesville, and a church near Lake Park, where they have a nice new house, and the church has lately been set in order.

I hope to attend the Assembly in January. I desire that all God's people pray for me. I am planning to go to Cuba in the winter if God wills.

May the Lord bless each reader of the paper.

Your humble friend,

SAM. C. PERRY.
Home address—London, Ky.

Enid, Miss.

Dear Sisters and Brothers of
"The Evening Light."

I thought I would write a few lines. I am only fourteen years old. I joined the Baptist Church when I was twelve. I want to live closer to the Lord than I have been living. I want all you dear saints to pray that I may live closer to God than I ever have.

ETTA GERTRUDE SANDERS.

Nicola Town, Bahamas.

I attended the Pentecostal meeting, and have cast my lot with the Church of God. On October 4th the brother gave me a visit and gave me certain scripture on sanctification. I asked God to sanctify me. I went to bed, and during the silent watches of the night I began to praise God as He sent His wondrous power down into my soul, and I shouted to the top of my voice, and the Holy Ghost fell upon me and I spoke with tongues. Glory! And now I can praise God for His wonderful baptism with the Holy Ghost. Glory! Glory! Glory!

Z. A. BOWLEG.

Too much talk, even on good subjects, may hinder your progress up the road to a deeper and grander experience.

If you receive a copy of this paper, and have not subscribed for it, it is a kind invitation for you to do so.

**A. J. Lawson's Sunday School Class, Cleveland, Tenn.,
Church of God, College Avenue.**



Standing Row—Alma Summers, Mrs. Mary Cry, Marga Lemons, Amanda Jones, Nellie Lee, Dora Battles, Alma Lemons, Nora Jones, Cora Battles, Marie Tomlinson.
Bottom Row—Winnie Bryant, Mollie Bates, Agnes Bryant, A. J. Lawson, Teacher; Mrs. Lola Lawson, Monte Stephens, Halcy Tomlinson, Mattie Bates.

The Sunday School—What It Is or Should Be.

The word school suggests the thought that there is something to be taught, a pupil to be taught, and a teacher; but you put this question to every one you meet, "What is a Sunday School?" and you will get all kinds of answers as to what it is. Some will say it is a place to have a good time for young people to pass off the time. Others will say it is a good place to send the children to keep them out of meanness while parents gossip, and I must say that the latter is really what it proves to be to many people. Still there are others who think it a good place to send the children to be taught the doctrines of the church or denomination to which the parents belong. So I hear one say, "What does Lawson think it is?" I am not going to say what it is, but here is what it can and should be: Instead of a "side line" to the Church, it ought to be the corner stone or solid rock upon which the spiritual life of the Church is resting. It should be a part of church worship to the extent that all parents who have children in their care should, I say, send them? No, not send them, but go and take them. Sam Jones said if you wanted the child to go right to go that way yourself. Further, it should be a place where God's Word is taught, where Jesus is magnified, and where the Holy Spirit is allowed freedom to illuminate the minds of both children and older people as well; where the simplicity of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is held out by every officer and teacher to show how we are and can be saved by grace and kept by the power of God unto salvation. The work of being kept by the power of God unto salvation is done by our keeping our lives in harmony with all the teachings of Jesus and His Holy Apostles, and if this is done we will be kept under His precious blood, which cleanseth us from all sin.

Then it should be a place where every Church and Sunday School worker meets and manifests that cheerful spirit that will make every one feel welcome, whether you agree in every point of doctrine or not. Every church member should feel the responsibility that is resting upon them for having the Gospel, the doctrines of the Bible, taught to the children, who must in a few years at most bear the responsibility of the Church work, to that extent that they would put forth every effort possible in gathering children who have little or no parental care over them on Sunday, into the Sunday School. But "they" say we can't put old heads on young people, and to this we agree, and would not if we could. But a few words from one who really has a good case of salvation will interest the children possibly more than you are aware of, for we are now living in a fast age, and I know some children not four years old who speak words about the future.

I would that every Sunday School in the land would wake up to the fact that the churches would soon go dead without their co-operative help, and that every officer and teacher in the Sunday School would feel the great responsibility of teaching the plan of salvation, so that the children would not grow up as some of us did, with prejudice in our minds against some of the real truths of Jesus.

Just one word to the teachers of both boys and girls from fourteen to twenty-five years of age, (by this I do not mean to have boys and girls of this age in the same class), to insist on them bringing their Bibles and Testaments every Sunday. This will be learning them a good habit, whether you call on every one of them to read from their Bibles every Sunday or not. See cut in this issue of a part of the young ladies' class that I have been teaching for several months, and it makes me feel good to see them bring their Bibles, though we use quarterlies.

Teachers of this grade should try to get their pupils to express their opinions on some part of the lesson. I dislike to see girls and boys contentious with their parents, but I do think it is good for any one to be contentious about an honest conviction, but with this contention there should be a spirit of willingness to know the right thing and give over when the light comes showing they were in error.

Arcadia, Fla.

I'm pressing on the upward way;
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

I am praising God for victory over the powers of the enemy. We went last Sunday to a school house about eight miles in the country, where we found a little band of saints gathered together. The Lord gave us a wonderful meeting in the forenoon. Six followed the Lord in water baptism in the afternoon. Praise God, the work is moving on. May God help us to

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Business sessions every day mingled with prayers, praises and instructive discourses. Evangelistic services every night.

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Come and help us to make this a time of special instruction and deepening into God.

If you are coming write a week before the date of assembly, to A. J. Tomlinson, 2325 Gant St., Cleveland, Tenn.

be willing to do the little things. "The meek will he guide in judgment; and the meek will he teach his way." Psa. 25:9. In St. John 7:17 we read, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine."

When Jesus laid his crown aside, He came to save me; when on the cross He bled and died, He came to save me. Praise His Name forevermore. He says, "Whosoever will may come," and that takes in you and it takes in me. Dear readers, let us press on, and let us claim our inheritance. I have been in the wilderness for the last few weeks, but praise God for victory now. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Psa. 30:5. I want all the saints to pray for me, that I may live at Jesus' feet.

Your brother, saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire.

Z. R. THOMAS.

Enid, Miss.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and
Saints in Christ Jesus:

I just want to tell you that Jesus still keeps and saves me from sin. Praise His Holy Name. He saved and sanctified me about seven years ago, and I want all the brothers and sisters to pray for me, that I may get so humble at His feet that He may baptize me with the blessed Holy Ghost. There are nine of us in the family, some saved, but not sanctified.

MRS. SANDERS.

Jesus said that such a faith as the centurion exercised, who believed that Jesus could heal his servant with a word, would bring many into the kingdom of God; while the professed children of the kingdom, for the lack of it, would be cast into outer darkness. Matt. 8:5-13.

